

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-16946-2020

Date of decision: 17.11.2020

Dr. Swinder Pal Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Sameer Sachdeva, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Suveer Sheokhand, Addl. AG, Punjab.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of restrictions due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Dr. Swinder Pal Singh, stated to be aged 69 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for directing the respondents to forthwith grant and release the service benefits of the petitioner qua full pension with qualifying service of 33 years in the same terms, keeping in view the relief already granted by this Court in CWP-7239-2015 titled as Labh Singh Dhaliwal and others vs. State of Punjab.

Records of the case show that on 14.10.2020, notice of motion was issued.

Today, on the resumed hearing of the case, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that considering the age of the petitioner i.e. 69 years,

learned counsel makes a prayer that writ petition be disposed of with a direction to the respondents, especially respondent No.2-The Registrar, Punjabi University, Patiala, to examine the legal notice submitted by the petitioner and decide the same in accordance with law.

Learned counsel by making reference to the pleadings in the petition, submits that the petitioner was initially appointed as Research Assistant in Punjabi University Patiala on 30.01.1981. The services of the petitioner continued upto till 30.06.2011 and the petitioner retired as Professor (Human Genetics) from the University. He has placed reliance on the instructions dated 15.12.2011 (Annexure P-1) and has also placed reliance on the judgment dated 18.12.2019 in CWP-7239-2015 titled as Labh Singh Dhaliwal and others vs. State of Punjab. He then makes a request that for the same/similar grievance, he had submitted a representation as well as legal notice dated 09.03.2020 (Annexure P-3) but till date, no decision has been taken.

Without commenting upon merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 09.03.2020 in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within two months from today. It is also clarified that in case, the petitioner is found entitled to the benefits as prayed for, the same be released to the petitioner within a period of two months from the date of decision of the said legal notice.

A copy of this order be sent to the Competent Authority, by the Registry through e-mail or any other mode, so as to enable the said authority

to do the needful expeditiously.

Civil Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly, in view of the above terms.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No